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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Graham P. Allaway et al.
Serial No.: 09/412,284 Examiner: J.S. Parkin
Filed: October 5, 1999 Group Unit: 1648
For: METHODS FOR USING RESONANCE ENERGY TRANSFER-
BASED ASSAY OF HIV-1 ENVELOPE GLYCOPROTEIN-
MEDIATED MEMBRANE FUSION, AND KITS FOR
PRACTICING SAME

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the December 2, 2003 Final Office Action.

A response to the Office Action was originally due on March 2, 2004. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00) for a small entity and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the three-month extension, a response to the December 2, 2003 Final Office Action is due June 2, 2004. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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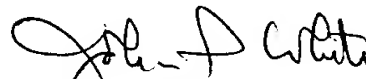
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No fee, other than the enclosed \$475.00 fee for a three-month extension, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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